

**HUMAN SERVICES TECHNOLOGY (0371)**  
**Business/Social Science Division**  
**RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR CAREER**  
**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The associate degree program in Human Services Technology at Darton State College is designed to prepare entry level human service workers to function as direct care providers in mental health, addiction/substance abuse, gerontologic, and other existing and/or emerging human service settings. Graduates are trained to work as collaborative team members under professional supervision and function in the core roles of service provider, service coordinator, and advocate.

This program is accredited by the Council for Standards in Human Service Education. For additional information, please contact CSHSE at:

Council for Students in Human Service Education  
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The Human Services Technology Program provides a three dimensional focus on theoretical knowledge, applied competencies, and clinical/field experience. All students must satisfactorily complete a sequenced core curriculum in Human Services. Once this sequence is completed, students can choose a specialty track. The options are Community Health/Mental Health Worker or Addiction/Substance Abuse Counselor. Each option includes fieldwork experience appropriate to the specialty choice.

One class will be admitted per year. The application deadline for Fall Semester enrollment is August 1. Students may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis; the time required to complete the degree will depend upon the number of credits taken each semester. Since the core professional curriculum in Human Services is sequenced, courses are only offered once a year at designated times. Based on availability of faculty and student need, some classes may be offered both day and evening. Course selection and registration for these classes should be done after a personal meeting with the faculty advisor. However, once a student chooses a specialty track, 6 to 18 hours of practicum experience per week in local human service facilities are required. Approximately 500 clock hours in field work settings comprise the total program experience.

Graduates in Human Services receive an Associate of Science degree in Human Services Technology. They will be prepared to obtain jobs in settings related to their specialty track or to continue their education toward a Bachelor's Degree in areas such as human services, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation counseling, and mental health technology. Students who are interested in a four-year degree should consult with the Human Services Program Director prior to registering for coursework each semester. These advising sessions will maximize the number of courses taken at Darton that will transfer to another institution.

**Admission Requirements:**

To be eligible for admission to the Human Services Technology program, the student must have completed English 0099 and Reading 0099, if applicable, and meet the following conditions:

1. SAT scores are not required; however, traditional students submitting SAT scores with 430/verbal and 400/math may exempt the COMPASS placement test. All required learning support must be completed prior to entering the program. Transfer students must have a GPA of 2.0 or nine semester hours of related courses at Darton with a GPA of 2.0. Students with a degree from an accredited college or university may enroll in Human Services Technology courses, providing prerequisites are met.